

RESOLUTION NO. 9157

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE SALTON SEA
AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is California's largest inland water body with beneficial uses including fisheries and wildlife habitat, recreation, and preservation of endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea ecosystem is a critical link on the international Pacific flyway and has supported over 400 species of birds and a productive fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Sea is threatened by increasing salinity and water loss; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, is the lead agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is taking concrete steps in finalizing a conceptual design for the detailed planning of a remediation project that protects air quality, water quality and wildlife habitat, creates economic development and recreational opportunities on a regional basis and respects tribal culture and heritage values; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan will restore the Sea's ecosystem in a manner that also fosters regional economic development and recreational opportunities and minimize environmental impacts by creating the second largest lake in the state; and

WHEREAS, Indio wishes to preserve and increase the environmental quality of life that has made it a premier destination resort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City of Indio hereby requests that each Salton Sea Authority member agency and other government entities and organizations within the Coachella Valley and Imperial County, including sovereign Indian nations, adopt a resolution of financial assistance and support for the Salton Sea Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan.

SECTION 2: The City of Indio urges the State of California to select the Salton Sea Authority's plan as the preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of October, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Fesmire, Godfrey, Ramos Watson, Wilson, Gilbert
NOES: None



GENE GILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK